



Упражнения до прослушивания текста

1. Запомните незнакомые слова

ordinary -обычный

improve - улучшить

term - четверть

script - алфавит

2. What languages are mentioned in the texts?

3. Give a title to each text.

Вы услышите 6 высказываний. Установите соответствие между высказываниями каждого говорящего и утверждением, дающим наиболее точное его описание. Запишите цифры, под которыми они указаны.

B1

A.

Different activities in a foreign country helped the speaker learn the language.

B.

The speaker learns the foreign language while listening to music.

C.

The speaker thinks that some foreign languages give better career opportunities than others.

D.

The speaker's hobby was a strong motivation for learning the foreign language.

E.

The speaker started learning the foreign language because she / he was going to travel.

F.

A job in a foreign country helped the person speak the language better.

G.

Mixing with native speakers helped the speaker learn about their way of life.

Говорящий

1

2

3

4

5

6

Утверждение

Now we are ready to start.

Speaker 1

In Spain I lived in a flat with students from the local university. In my drama class I met a Spanish girl who was looking for someone to speak English with. We became best friends and we spoke half the time in English, and half the time in Spanish. I also joined a gym and had great fun trying to do an aerobics class which was not a difficult task though the instructions were given in Spanish. On Sundays I went to the cinema and only watched Spanish films. Now I'm quite good at Spanish.

Speaker 2

I went to China to work as an English language teacher because I wanted to understand people who live in China. It took me a long time before I met local Chinese people with the same interests as I had. I met even more interesting people thanks to them. I had great fun and left China with a better understanding of the lifestyle of ordinary Chinese people.

Speaker 3

The first foreign language which I studied was French. I learnt it at a secondary school. Between school and university I spent three months working on two farms in southern France. This helped me to speak easily in French and to get a rich vocabulary connected with farming. I can still speak and read in French quite well. However, my written French is rather bad.

Speaker 4

I have always been good at languages that's why I studied French and German at high school. To brush up my French and German I took part in a few student exchange programmes. But then I thought that my chances of finding a good job might be improved if I chose a more unusual language. I considered Chinese, Japanese and Arabic. Finally I decided on Chinese and Japanese, which I studied at the University of Leeds. During my second year I spent a term studying Chinese in China, and another term studying Japanese in Osaka.

Speaker 5

I began learning Arabic because I planned to visit different Arabic-speaking countries, including Morocco. Using a textbook I learnt Arabic pronunciation, the Arabic script, a few words and a bit of grammar. Soon I spent some weeks in Morocco. Unfortunately I found out that my French was much more useful than the little Arabic I knew.

Speaker 6

Many years ago I was given an Irish whistle as a birthday present. I liked it so much that soon I started to collect Irish tunes, songs and albums, it became my favourite occupation. I enjoyed listening to Irish music so much that I started playing it myself. As I listened to and played Irish music I got interested in the Irish language as well. And you see, my hobby led me to the decision to start learning the Irish language.